अन्तर्गत ग्रामीण जल आपूर्ति की योजनाएं बनाती हैं तथा कार्यान्वित करती हैं। यह राज्य सरकार का उत्तरदायित्व है कि वह ग्रामीण जल आपूर्ति योजनाओं को आरम्भ करने के लिए क्षेत्रवार प्राथमिकता निर्धारित करे। इस प्रकार, उत्तर प्रदेश के पठारी क्षेत्रों में निर्धन व आदिवासी लोगों को पेयजल उपलब्ध कराने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा कार्यवाई की जानी है। केन्द्रीय सरकार केवल केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित त्वरित ग्रामीण जल आपूर्ति कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत वित्तीय सहायता देकर राज्यों/केन्द्र शासित क्षेत्रों के प्रयासों में मदद करती है और कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत प्रस्तुत की गई योजनाओं की तकनीकी रूप से जांच करती है और उनका अनुमोदन करती है। 1986-87 में त्वरित ग्रामीण जल आपूर्ति कार्यक्रम के अन्तगत उत्तर प्रदेश में कार्यान्वियन के लिए अब तक 86.69 करोड़ रुपये की लागत वाली 362 ग्रामीण जल आपूर्ति योजनाओं की स्वीकृति दी गई है जिनमें 11541 समस्याग्रस्त गांव कवर किए जाने हैं।

Measures against new Diseases and Pests

2794. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take proper measures to guard against new diseases and pests while employing tissue culture for rapid plant propagation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The risk of new diseases and pests is generally associated with plants/planting material imported from abroad. The FAO/ICAR International Expert consultation on the use of tissue culture in plant quarantine and exchange of planting material held from 26th February to 2nd March, 1987 in New Delhi observed that tissue culture can play a very important role in germplasm exchange, particularly in the vegetatively propogated plant material, as the associated pests and pathogens can be eliminated through the use of this technique. Therefore, tissue culutre for microprpagation is being standardised to propagate disease free plant materials.

Production of MICA

2795. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the mica production;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that there has been an alarming drop in mica production in Bihar; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) to (d) There has been a decline in mica production, the main reason being exhaustion of surface reserves in working mines and change in demand pattern. Action has been taken for the exploration of mica pegmatites. For meeting the changing demand, efforts are under way for production of value added mica products.